

B1 (Official Form 1)(04/13)

United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Illinois		Voluntary Petition	
Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle): Blackmon, Vauntelia		Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle):	
All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):		All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):	
Last four digits of Soc. Sec. or Individual-Taxpayer I.D. (ITIN)/Complete EIN (if more than one, state all) xxx-xx-1691		Last four digits of Soc. Sec. or Individual-Taxpayer I.D. (ITIN) No./Complete EIN (if more than one, state all)	
Street Address of Debtor (No. and Street, City, and State): 139 Fir Street Park Forest, IL <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 5px;">ZIP Code 60466</div>		Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. and Street, City, and State): <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 5px;">ZIP Code</div>	
County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: Cook		County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business:	
Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address): <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 5px;">ZIP Code</div>		Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address): <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 5px;">ZIP Code</div>	
Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from street address above):			
Type of Debtor (Form of Organization) (Check one box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual (includes Joint Debtors) <i>See Exhibit D on page 2 of this form.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (includes LLC and LLP) <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other (If debtor is not one of the above entities, check this box and state type of entity below.)		Nature of Business (Check one box) <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Business <input type="checkbox"/> Single Asset Real Estate as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101 (51B) <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbroker <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Broker <input type="checkbox"/> Clearing Bank <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Chapter 15 Debtors Country of debtor's center of main interests: Each country in which a foreign proceeding by, regarding, or against debtor is pending:		Chapter of Bankruptcy Code Under Which the Petition is Filed (Check one box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapter 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 13 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Main Proceeding <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Nonmain Proceeding	
Filing Fee (Check one box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Filing Fee attached <input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee to be paid in installments (applicable to individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration certifying that the debtor is unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b). See Official Form 3A. <input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee waiver requested (applicable to chapter 7 individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration. See Official Form 3B.		Chapter 11 Debtors Check one box: <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is not a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$2,490,925 (<i>amount subject to adjustment on 4/01/16 and every three years thereafter</i>). Check all applicable boxes: <input type="checkbox"/> A plan is being filed with this petition. <input type="checkbox"/> Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).	
Statistical/Administrative Information <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses paid, there will be no funds available for distribution to unsecured creditors.		THIS SPACE IS FOR COURT USE ONLY	
Estimated Number of Creditors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-49 <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99 <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199 <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999 <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 5,001-10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> OVER 100,000			
Estimated Assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0 to \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 to \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 to \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 to \$1 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 to \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 to \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 to \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 to \$500 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 to \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$1 billion			
Estimated Liabilities <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 to \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 to \$100,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 to \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 to \$1 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 to \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 to \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 to \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 to \$500 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 to \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$1 billion			

Voluntary Petition*(This page must be completed and filed in every case)*

Name of Debtor(s):

Blackmon, Vauntelia**All Prior Bankruptcy Cases Filed Within Last 8 Years** (If more than two, attach additional sheet)

Location

Where Filed: **- None -**

Case Number:

Date Filed:

Location

Where Filed:

Case Number:

Date Filed:

Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner, or Affiliate of this Debtor (If more than one, attach additional sheet)

Name of Debtor:

- None -

Case Number:

Date Filed:

District:

Relationship:

Judge:

Exhibit A

(To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11.)

☐ Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.

Exhibit B

(To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts.)

I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter. I further certify that I delivered to the debtor the notice required by 11 U.S.C. §342(b).

X /s/ George M. Vogl, IV ARDC # August 15, 2015
Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) (Date)

George M. Vogl, IV ARDC # 6273590

Exhibit C

Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety?

☐ Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition.

☒ No.

Exhibit D

(To be completed by every individual debtor. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and attach a separate Exhibit D.)

☒ Exhibit D completed and signed by the debtor is attached and made a part of this petition.

If this is a joint petition:

☐ Exhibit D also completed and signed by the joint debtor is attached and made a part of this petition.

Information Regarding the Debtor - Venue

(Check any applicable box)

- ☒ Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District.
- ☐ There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District.
- ☐ Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding and has its principal place of business or principal assets in the United States in this District, or has no principal place of business or assets in the United States but is a defendant in an action or proceeding [in a federal or state court] in this District, or the interests of the parties will be served in regard to the relief sought in this District.

Certification by a Debtor Who Resides as a Tenant of Residential Property

(Check all applicable boxes)

- ☐ Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession of debtor's residence. (If box checked, complete the following.)

(Name of landlord that obtained judgment)

(Address of landlord)

- ☐ Debtor claims that under applicable nonbankruptcy law, there are circumstances under which the debtor would be permitted to cure the entire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment for possession, after the judgment for possession was entered, and
- ☐ Debtor has included with this petition the deposit with the court of any rent that would become due during the 30-day period after the filing of the petition.
- ☐ Debtor certifies that he/she has served the Landlord with this certification. (11 U.S.C. § 362(l)).

Voluntary Petition

(This page must be completed and filed in every case)

Name of Debtor(s):
Blackmon, Vauntelia

Signatures

Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.
[If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7.
[If no attorney represents me and no bankruptcy petition preparer signs the petition] I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. §342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X /s/ Vauntelia Blackmon
Signature of Debtor **Vauntelia Blackmon**

X _____
Signature of Joint Debtor

Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney)

August 15, 2015
Date

Signature of Attorney*

X /s/ George M. Vogl, IV ARDC #
Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)

George M. Vogl, IV ARDC # 6273590
Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s)

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Firm Name
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Chicago, IL 60602

Address

Email: notice@billbusters.com
312-853-0200 Fax: 312-873-4693

Telephone Number

August 15, 2015
Date

*In a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, this signature also constitutes a certification that the attorney has no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules is incorrect.

Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X _____
Signature of Authorized Individual

Printed Name of Authorized Individual

Title of Authorized Individual

Date

Signature of a Foreign Representative

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign proceeding, and that I am authorized to file this petition.

(Check only one box.)

☐ I request relief in accordance with chapter 15 of title 11, United States Code. Certified copies of the documents required by 11 U.S.C. §1515 are attached.

☐ Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1511, I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11 specified in this petition. A certified copy of the order granting recognition of the foreign main proceeding is attached.

X _____
Signature of Foreign Representative

Printed Name of Foreign Representative

Date

Signature of Non-Attorney Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

I declare under penalty of perjury that: (1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110; (2) I prepared this document for compensation and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. §§ 110(b), 110(h), and 342(b); and, (3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 110(h) setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required in that section. Official Form 19 is attached.

Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

Social-Security number (If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.)(Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)

Address

X _____

Date

Signature of bankruptcy petition preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose Social Security number is provided above.

Names and Social-Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual:

If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.

A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both. 11 U.S.C. §110; 18 U.S.C. §156.

B 1D (Official Form 1, Exhibit D) (12/09)

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois**

In re **Vauntelia Blackmon**

Debtor(s)

Case No.

Chapter

7

**EXHIBIT D - INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR'S STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH
CREDIT COUNSELING REQUIREMENT**

Warning: You must be able to check truthfully one of the five statements regarding credit counseling listed below. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file a bankruptcy case, and the court can dismiss any case you do file. If that happens, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors will be able to resume collection activities against you. If your case is dismissed and you file another bankruptcy case later, you may be required to pay a second filing fee and you may have to take extra steps to stop creditors' collection activities.

Every individual debtor must file this Exhibit D. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and file a separate Exhibit D. Check one of the five statements below and attach any documents as directed.

☒ 1. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, and I have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *Attach a copy of the certificate and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency.*

☐ 2. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, but I do not have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *You must file a copy of a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to you and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency no later than 14 days after your bankruptcy case is filed.*

☐ 3. I certify that I requested credit counseling services from an approved agency but was unable to obtain the services during the seven days from the time I made my request, and the following exigent circumstances merit a temporary waiver of the credit counseling requirement so I can file my bankruptcy case now. *[Summarize exigent circumstances here.]* _____

If your certification is satisfactory to the court, you must still obtain the credit counseling briefing within the first 30 days after you file your bankruptcy petition and promptly file a certificate from the agency that provided the counseling, together with a copy of any debt management plan developed through the agency. Failure to fulfill these requirements may result in dismissal of your case. Any extension of the 30-day deadline can be granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days. Your case may also be dismissed if the court is not satisfied with your reasons for filing your bankruptcy case without first receiving a credit counseling briefing.

☐ 4. I am not required to receive a credit counseling briefing because of: *[Check the applicable statement.] [Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.]*

☐ Incapacity. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as impaired by reason of mental illness or mental deficiency so as to be incapable of realizing and making rational decisions with respect to financial responsibilities.);

☐ Disability. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as physically impaired to the extent of being unable, after reasonable effort, to participate in a credit counseling briefing in person, by telephone, or through the Internet.);

☐ Active military duty in a military combat zone.

☐ 5. The United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator has determined that the credit counseling requirement of 11 U.S.C. § 109(h) does not apply in this district.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature of Debtor: /s/ Vauntelia Blackmon
Vauntelia Blackmon

Date: August 15, 2015

United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois

In re Vauntelia Blackmon

Debtor(s)

Case No.

Chapter 7

DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR(S)

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Bankruptcy Rule 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above-named debtor and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:

For legal services, I have agreed to accept	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Prior to the filing of this statement I have received	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Balance Due	\$	<u>0.00</u>

2. \$ 0.00 of the filing fee has been paid.
3. The source of the compensation paid to me was:
- ☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):
4. The source of compensation to be paid to me is:
- ☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):
5. ☒ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.
- ☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation is attached.
6. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:
- Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
 - Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs and plan which may be required;
 - Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
 - [Other provisions as needed]
- Exemption planning; preparation and filing of reaffirmation agreements and applications as needed; preparation and filing of motions pursuant to 11 USC 522(f)(2)(A) for avoidance of liens on household goods.**
7. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following service:
- Representation of the debtors in any dischargeability actions or any other adversary proceeding.**

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding.

Dated: August 15, 2015

/s/ George M. Vogl, IV ARDC #
George M. Vogl, IV ARDC # 6273590
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ATTORNEY RETENTION CONTRACT

FOR OFFICE USE (7)

Client No. 62941Responsible attorney: BW

1. **Parties.** In this contract, "Client" means the undersigned, both individually and jointly; "Attorney" means the law firm of Ledford & Wu and its staff attorneys. This contract shall supersede any prior contracts and agreements between the parties to the extent of any inconsistency.

2. **Services and Fees:** Client retains Attorney for the following services:

☒ Chapter 7 (prepetition service only): \$ 100 PLUS \$335 filing fee (court cost)

Client retains Attorney for the sole purpose of preparing and filing a Chapter 7 bankruptcy petition (without the required summary, schedules and statements). Attorney's duty to further counsel and represent Client ends, and the attorney-client relationship is terminated, at the end of the first week after commencement of the case, unless the parties enter into a separate retention contract for postpetition services within that period. If no such contract is executed, Attorney may file a motion to withdraw from the case.

☐ Chapter 7 (service through discharge): \$ _____ PLUS \$335 filing fee (court cost)

TOTAL: \$ 435 less retainer received: \$ 435 Fee balance: \$ 0 To be paid by: Client

The legal fee is an ☒ advance payment retainer ☐ security retainer ☐ classic retainer, and is a flat fee unless otherwise stated. Attorney is unable to represent Client without receiving an advance payment retainer since a security retainer will be within the reach of Client's creditors. Should hourly billing be necessary, Attorney's billing rates are \$300-\$350/hour for senior partners, \$250/hour for junior partners and associates, and \$90/hour for law clerks. The filing fee and expenses are subject to change at any time. The billing rates are subject to an annual review and potential increase every calendar year.

The legal fee covers the initial consultation and all subsequent work. All fees required in this section are to be paid in full before filing. The case may be closed if the fees are not paid by the deadline. Additional legal fees and court costs may apply, and a separate contract may be required, in the event of conversion from one chapter to another, amending a petition, list, schedule or statement post-filing not due to Attorney's fault, attending additional creditors' meetings, reopening of a closed case, unnecessary work caused by Client's delay, or any other fact not known to Attorney in writing at the time of the initial consultation that complicates the case. NSF checks will be assessed a \$20 fee.

3. **Scope of Representation:**

(a) Attorney will counsel and represent Client in all aspects of the above matter(s) EXCEPT: (1) adversary proceedings; (2) § 722 redemption; (3) judicial lien avoidance; (4) post-discharge litigation; (5) appeals; (6) other: _____

(b) Attorney may agree, but is not obligated, to represent Client in the above excluded matters for an additional fee, to be agreed upon separately by the parties.

4. **Initial Consultation.** Client acknowledges that Attorney has explained the following (please initial):

WB The options of Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 and that Client has made the choice identified in Paragraph 2

WB The concepts of exemption, discharge and dischargeability, and pre-filing and post-filing procedures

WB The difference among various types of retainer and that Client has made the choice identified in Paragraph 4

WB **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.** Any delay on Client's part may disqualify Client for the type of relief elected or otherwise adversely affect Client's case. Attorney may not be able to file the case, or take other necessary actions, until all requested documents and/or information, including but not limited to a certificate of credit counseling, are received by Attorney

Other (specify): _____

Client understands that the advice given during the initial consultation is preliminary and based on the information available at the time, and may change as the case is further analyzed, more facts discovered, or Client's circumstances or the law changed.

5. **Client's Duties.** Client agrees, during the course of representation, to:

(a) provide Attorney with full, accurate and timely information, financial and otherwise;

(b) follow Attorney's procedures and cooperate with Attorney in providing requested documents;

(c) promptly inform Attorney of any change of address, phone number, e-mail address or employment, or activation of military duty;

(d) inform Attorney before buying, selling, refinancing or transferring any real property in which Client has any interest, and before incurring any new debt, including but not limited to applying for an auto loan, personal loan, payday loan or title loan, applying for a credit card or line of credit, or using an existing credit card or line of credit; and

(e) promptly inform Attorney if Client becomes entitled to an inheritance, an asset as a result of a property settlement agreement with Client's spouse or a divorce decree, life insurance proceeds, or a monetary judgment, award or settlement.

6. **Co-counsel.** Client understands that more than one attorney may work on this case. Where necessary, Client agrees to employ one or more of the following outside counsel, at Attorney's expense, to work on this case: Kathleen W. Vaught, Kelly M. Johnson, Wayne J. Skelton, Christina Banyon, David Hall Carter, and _____.

7. **Termination.** Client may discharge Attorney at any time, subject to payment of any fee owed for the services already rendered. Attorney may terminate the representation as permitted by the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct and Local Bankruptcy Rules. Any flat fee for a bankruptcy case is advance payment for future services, becomes Attorney's property upon receipt, and is nonrefundable upon filing of the petition. In the event the representation is terminated by either party before filing and Client has paid Attorney more than \$300, Attorney will provide Client with a detailed itemization of the services rendered in support of any fee charged at the rate set forth in Paragraph 4, Client will reimburse Attorney for any expenses, including those that otherwise would be free of charge, and Client authorizes Attorney to apply the filing fee and any payment for expenses that have not been incurred towards the attorney's fee, subject to the requirements set forth herein.

X Wendy Black X

Date: 8/18/2015

Attorney signature: Wendy Black

ARDC # 6282192

ATTORNEY RETENTION CONTRACT

FOR OFFICE USE (13)

Client No. 62961Responsible attorney: GMVCARA signed? ☒ Y ☐ N

1. **Parties.** In this contract, "Client" means the undersigned, both individually and jointly; "Attorney" means Ledford, Wu & Borges, LLC and its staff attorneys. This contract shall supersede any prior contracts and agreements between the parties to the extent of inconsistency. **In the event of any inconsistency between this contract and a Court-Approved Retention Agreement, the latter shall prevail.**

2. **Services:** Client retains Attorney for the following services: ☒ Chapter 13 bankruptcy (debt adjustment)

3. **Scope of Representation:**

- (a) Attorney will counsel and represent Client in all aspects of the above matter(s) for the fee specified in Paragraph 4 EXCEPT: (1) adversary proceedings; (2) post-discharge litigation; (3) appeals; (4) other (specify): _____.
- (b) Attorney may agree, but is not obligated, to represent Client in the above excluded matters for an additional fee, to be agreed upon separately by the parties.

4. **Fees:**

☒ Legal fee: \$ 4,000 - PLUS \$310 filing fee (court cost) (an additional Court-Approved Retention Agreement may apply)

☒ Expenses: \$ 50 - (merged credit report and credit counseling)

TOTAL: \$ 4,050 - less retainer received: \$ 100 - Fee balance: \$ 3,950 - To be paid by: _____

The legal fee is an ☒ advance payment retainer ☐ security retainer ☐ classic retainer, and is a flat fee unless otherwise stated. Attorney is unable to represent Client without receiving an advance payment retainer since a security retainer will be within the reach of Client's creditors. Should hourly billing be necessary, Attorney's billing rates are \$300-\$400/hour for partners, \$250/hour for associates, and \$90/hour for law clerks. The filing fee and expenses are subject to change at any time. The billing rates are subject to an annual review and potential increase every calendar year.

The legal fee covers the initial consultation and all subsequent work. The case may be closed if the fees are not paid by the deadline. Additional legal fees may apply if the parties have entered into a Court-Approved Retention Agreement and such Agreement so authorizes, or if the case is converted from one chapter to another. Additional court costs may apply for amending a petition, list, schedule or statement post-filing or other reasons not due to Attorney's fault. NSF checks will be assessed a \$20 fee.

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- ☒ The options of Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 and that Client has made the choice identified in Paragraph 2
- ☒ The concepts of exemption, discharge and dischargeability, and pre-filing and post-filing procedures
- ☒ The difference among various types of retainer and that Client has made the choice identified in Paragraph 4
- ☒ A Chapter 13 plan will be submitted to the Court in good faith. The plan payment may have to increase if creditor claims come in higher than scheduled, creditors successfully argue that they are entitled to a higher interest rate, the Trustee successfully argues that the budgeted income is lower than actual income, the Trustee successfully argues that budgeted expenses are unreasonably high or the Court makes a finding that the plan is not the best effort you can make to repay your creditors.

☒ **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.** Any delay on Client's part may disqualify Client for the type of relief elected or otherwise adversely affect Client's case. Attorney may not be able to file the case, or take other necessary actions, until all requested documents and/or information, including but not limited to a certificate of credit counseling, are received by Attorney

Other (specify): _____

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- (b) follow Attorney's procedures and cooperate with Attorney in providing requested documents and information;
- (c) promptly inform Attorney of any change of address, phone number, e-mail address or employment, or activation of military duty;
- (d) inform Attorney before buying, selling, refinancing or transferring any real property in which Client has any interest, and before incurring any new debt, including but not limited to applying for an auto loan, personal loan, payday loan or title loan, applying for a credit card or line of credit, or using an existing credit card or line of credit; and
- (e) promptly inform Attorney if Client becomes entitled to an inheritance, an asset as a result of a property settlement agreement with Client's spouse or a divorce decree, life insurance proceeds, or a monetary judgment, award or settlement.

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X [Signature] X _____

Attorney Signature: _____

ARDC # 6273590Date: 6/27/15

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CONSULTATION AGREEMENT

FOR OFFICE USE	
Client No.	62941
Interviewing Attorney	GMV
Date:	6-27-15

THIS AGREEMENT IS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW (11 U.S.C. § 528(a))

1. **Parties:** In this contract, "Client" means the undersigned, both individually and jointly; "Attorney" means the law firm of Ledford, Wu & Borges, LLC and its staff attorneys.

2. **Purpose:** Client has requested the opportunity to consult with and obtain information and advice from Attorney concerning options for relief from debts, which may include filing bankruptcy. This agreement is for purposes of that consultation only.

3. **Client's Duties:** In order for Attorney to give meaningful advice, Client agrees to give accurate, honest, full and fair disclosure of financial information concerning income over the past three years from all sources, monthly living expenses, the type and amount of all debts (including names and addresses of all creditors), all assets and property owned by the client, wherever located and by whomever held, and any additional information determined by Attorney to be relevant.

4. **Services:** The attorney agrees to provide Client with the following services:

- a. analyzing Client's financial circumstances based on information provided by Client;
- b. to the extent possible, advising Client of bankruptcy options and non-bankruptcy options based on the information provided by Client;
- c. if Client has not provided Attorney with sufficient information upon which to fully advise Client on Client's options, informing Client what additional information Client needs to provide in order to enable Attorney to provide such advice and information;
- d. where applicable, advising Client of the requirements placed upon Client to file a bankruptcy; and
- e. to the extent possible, quoting a fee for providing bankruptcy and/or nonbankruptcy assistance to Client

5. **Fees (check one):**

☒ A consultation fee will be waived if Client decides not to retain Attorney, in which case the attorney-client relationship shall terminate at the conclusion of the interview

_____ Client agrees to pay \$_____ in nonrefundable consultation fee

In the event Client decides to retain Attorney, this consultation becomes billable and is covered by the legal fee charged for the case, and a new written contract, as well as a Court-Approved Retention Agreement if applicable, must be signed by Client and Attorney, which shall supersede this agreement. The new agreement(s) will also provide a detailed explanation of the parties' obligations and a breakdown of the costs.

6. **Acknowledgement:** Client acknowledges that the first date upon which Attorney provided any bankruptcy assistance to Client is the date noted above, and that Attorney provided Client with a copy of this agreement and the disclosure and information mandated by Section 527(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

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Date: 6 / 27 / 15

Attorney Signature: [Signature]

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AAA Checkmate
7647 W. 63rd St.
Summit Argo, IL 60501

Americash Loans
3200 W. 159th St.
Markham, IL 60426

Brother Loan & Finance Co.
7621 W. 63rd St.
Summit, IL 60501

Capital One Bank
PO Box 6492
Carol Stream, IL 60197-6492

Comnwlth Fin
245 Main St
Dickson City, PA 18519

Corporate America Fcu
Attn: Collections Dept
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Elgin, IL 60123

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